

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY - BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

Please send completed form to: Stacey Vairo, National Register and State Register Coordinator,
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* Note: Please attach any additional or expanded information on a separate sheet.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Building Name (Common) 139 Prospect Avenue
 Building Name (Historic) Wesley E. Barker House
 Street Address or Location 139 Prospect Avenue
 Town/City Guilford Village _____ County New Haven
 Owner(s) William S. Rustico & Deborah L. Hodges Public Private

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Present Use: Residence: Single Family Dwelling
 Historic Use: Residence: Single Family Dwelling

Accessibility to public: Exterior visible from public road? Yes No

Interior accessible? Yes No If yes, explain _____

Style of building Queen Anne Date of Construction 1904 (Helander)

Material(s) (Indicate use or location when appropriate):

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|--|---|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard | <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding | <input type="checkbox"/> Brick | <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle | <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone | <input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten | <input type="checkbox"/> Stucco | <input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone | <input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete (Type _____) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cut Stone (Type _____) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Vinyl</u> | | |

Structural System

- Wood Frame Post & Beam Balloon Load bearing masonry Structural iron or steel
 Other _____

Roof (Type)

- Gable Flat Mansard Monitor Sawtooth
 Gambrel Shed Hip Round Other _____

(Material)

- Wood Shingle Roll Asphalt Tin Slate Asphalt Shingle
 Built up Tile Other Arch. Shingles

Number of Stories: 2.5 Approximate Dimensions 42' x 26'

Structural Condition: Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated

Exterior Condition: Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated

Location Integrity: On original site Moved When? _____

Alterations? Yes No If yes, explain: 2008- Added open porch, 1997- garage/apartment added

FOR OFFICE USE: Town # _____ Site # _____ UTM _____

District: S NR If NR, Specify: Actual Potential

PROPERTY INFORMATION (CONT'D)**Related outbuildings or landscape features:**

- Barn Shed Garage Carriage House Shop Garden
 Other landscape features or buildings: _____

Surrounding Environment:

- Open land Woodland Residential Commercial Industrial Rural
 High building density Scattered buildings visible from site

- Interrelationship of building and surroundings:

Located on a .64 acre parcel, this south facing house is on the north side of the Prospect Avenue about a quarter of a mile southwest of the intersection with Falcon Road and just east of the intersection with Loyal Ledge Lane. It is in a residential area with many houses along a peninsula sticking into Long Island Sound. (See Continuation Sheet)

- Other notable features of building or site (Interior and/or Exterior)

Built in 1904, this two and a half story Queen Anne style cottage sits atop a poured concrete foundation and is sheathed in beige vinyl siding. The front gable roof is covered in architectural shingles, one on the ridgeline and one on the east elevation one story wing. A palladian window with dark shutters is located near the roof peak on the facade. Two windows with dark shutters are located on the second floor level with a door at the east side. (See Continuation Sheet)

Architect Unknown Builder Unknown

- Historical or Architectural importance:

Prospect Avenue was laid out in 1883, petitioned by Allison Clark and William Cowles (of Clark & Cowles manufacturing in Plainville), to connect the point with Chimney Corner, an island off the end of the peninsula. They purchased the land from Loyal Ledge Lane north to 68 Prospect and sold it in fifty foot lots for cottages. In 1904, this house was built as a summer cottage and owned first by Wesley E. Barker. It was winterized in 1912 and later used as a boarding house. In 1926, James T. Archer owned the house.

- Sources:

Helander, Joel Eliot, "A Treasury of Guilford Places," Guilford, CT: Joel Helander, 2008; Property card obtained at <http://www.propertyrecordcards.com/PropertyResults.aspx?towncode=060&uniqueid=5274> on October 5, 2015.

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View South, camera facing north Negative on File _____
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- Subsequent field evaluations:

Latitude: 41.244846
Longitude: -72.705236

Threats to the building or site:

- None known Highways Vandalism Developers Renewal Private
 Deterioration Zoning Other _____ Explanation _____

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CONTINUATION SHEET

139 Prospect Avenue

Buildings and Surroundings

An inlet of water cuts into the peninsula as well so this house has water bordering the north side of the property, and more land just beyond that at the end of Colonial Road. This north side of the property also has an apartment building and garage with a long driveway leading to it that is east of the main building. A small driveway is located at the southeastern corner of the house and property. The two buildings are separated by a line of trees.

Notable Features

The same fenestration is on the first floor level. The first floor door entry has a white door surround with sidelights. The most prominent feature of the façade is the two story porch with a turned spindle balustrade and square column supports. A three step stoop leads up to the porch.

